

REMARKS

The Official Action dated 02 October 2002 has been carefully considered, along with cited references, applicable sections of the Patent Act, Patent Rules, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure and relevant decisional law.

Claims 1-3, 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lee 5,597,144.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Gretz et al. (Gretz) 5,356,003.

Claims 4, 9, 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Gretz as above.

However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that claims 11-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claims 1-10 which have been rejected in view of the art have been cancelled, so that it is unnecessary to discuss the grounds of rejection specific thereto.

Claim 11 which is indicated to be allowable has been written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 12, 13, 14 are dependent on the amended claim 11. Claims 15, 16 are dependent on the claim 14. Claim 17 has been amended to be dependent on the amended claim 11. Claim 18 is

dependent on claim 17. Claim 19 is dependent on claim 18.

Accordingly, claims 11-19 would appear to be allowable, and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is accordingly most respectfully solicited.

Attached hereto is a clean version of the amended claims 11 and 17. The attached page is captioned "**Clean version of the amended claims 11 and 17**".

Courtesy and cooperation of Examiner WOOD are appreciated.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-10.

Please amend claims 11 and 17 as follows:

11. (Once amended) [The tilting support device according to claim 10, wherein said object includes a shaft provided thereon,] A tilting support device comprising:

an object including a shaft provided thereon,

at least one leg including a first end rotatably secured to said upper portion of said object and rotatable between an open working position and a folding position, and said at least one leg [includes] including a sleeve provided thereon and rotatably engaged on said shaft, and

means for damping a rotational movement between said at least one leg and said object, said damping means [includes] including a damping fluid received in said sleeve for damping a rotational movement of said sleeve relative to said shaft.

17. (Once amended) The tilting support device according to claim [10] 11, wherein said object includes a lower portion, said support device further includes a base having a first end rotatably secured to said lower portion of said object and having a second end, and a spring member coupled between said second end of said base and said at least one leg for resiliently moving said at least one leg outward to said open working position when said object is rotated relative to said base.